



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 214

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 26

Senate, March 24, 2004

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AIR COMPRESSORS
FOR TIRE INFLATION FOR FREE PUBLIC USE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-325a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 Any person licensed under section 14-319 to dispense motor fuel for
4 sale to the public for any motor vehicle, as defined in subdivision (47)
5 of section 14-1 [, except any such person who is licensed to so dispense
6 such fuel at a retail food store which he owns and operates and which
7 dispenses less than ten thousand gallons of gasoline in any one
8 month,] shall provide for free public use an air compressor for the
9 purpose of tire inflation during the hours such premises are open for
10 business. Each such licensee shall post a sign in a conspicuous location
11 upon the premises and in such form as the commissioner may require,
12 informing the public of the availability of an air compressor for free
13 public use during the hours such premises are open. Such compressor

- 14 shall be capable of producing at least eighty pounds per square inch
15 pressure at the outlet.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF	None	None

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicle as a result of the bill prohibiting gasoline stations at retail stores which dispense less than 10,000 gallons in any one month from charging the public for use of an air compressor for tire inflation during normal business hours.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AIR COMPRESSORS
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This bill requires anyone licensed to sell fuel at a retail food store he owns and operates and which dispenses less than 10,000 gallons of gasoline in a month to provide free public use of an air compressor during business hours for tire inflation. Fuel retailers meeting these criteria are currently exempt from the free air requirements. By law, all other entities licensed to sell motor fuel at retail must already provide free air for tire inflation during their normal business hours.

By law, fuel retailers subject to the free air requirements must post a state-approved sign in a conspicuous location on the premises informing the public of the availability of free air during business hours. The air compressor must be able to produce at least 80 pounds per square inch outlet pressure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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